

TO THE HIGH
AND MIGHTY
CHARLES THE FIRST,
OF GREAT BRITAIN^ FRANCEJ AND
IRELAND^ KING,
all the blessings of **this**, and a
better Hie,

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGNS

 THAT this brief Treatise is yours, both by right and by succession, will appear by the Author's and Actor's ensuing *Dedication*. To praise either the Mistress or the Servant, might justly incur the censure of *Quiz eos unquam sanus mtuperamti* either's worth having sufficiently blazed their fame. . -

This Present loseth nothing, by glancing on former actions; and the observation of passed adventures may probably advantage future employments. C^SAR wrote his own *Coimnenlane\$i* and this Doer was partly the Inditor. Neither is there wanting living testimony to confirm its truth.

For his sake, then, cherish what is good! and I shall willingly entertain check for what is amiss. Your favourable acceptance may encourage my collecting of more neglected notes! However, though Virtue, as Lands, be not inheritable; yet hath he left of his Name, one that resolves, and therein joys to approve himself

Your most humble and loyal
subject,

FRANCIS DRAKE
[Bart.].